COVERAGE NAME: PLACES

COVERAGE AREA: State, District, County

COVERAGE DESCRIPTION:

The PLACES coverage is a point coverage representing 3080 place name locations in California.

USER NOTES:

The PLACES coverage is useful as a mapping feature. The SCENIC item can be used to select place names that appear on the California Scenic Highway Map. The STHWY item can be used in the California State Highway Map application. The HWYMAP item identifies those places used in the official California State Highway map.
Many place name locations have unique Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) codes. Data containing null values for any given attribute is due to lacking source data. Places with the field 'status' having a null value are not classified by the Highway Systems Engineering Branch.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Datum:	NAD 83
Projection:	Albers
Units:	Meters
1st Std. Parallel:	34 degrees N
2nd Std. Parallel:	40.5 degrees N
Longitude of Origin:	-120 degrees W
Latitude of Origin:	0 degrees N
False Easting:	0
False Northing:	-4,000,000
Source:	USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), 2003 Place Names in California, California Department of Transportation
Source Media:	Magnetic tape: digital file in ASCII format
Source Projection:	Latitude/Longitude (Geographic)
Source Units:	Degrees, Minutes, Seconds
Source Scale:	
Capture Method:	
Conversion Software:	ARC/INFO rev. 5.0.1
Data Structure:	Vector
ARC/INFO Coverage Type:	Point
ARC/INFO Precision:	Single
ARC/INFO Tolerances:	
Data Updated:	December 2000, December 2003
Update Software:	ARC/INFO 7.2.1a, ArcMap 8.3

DATA DICTIONARY:

File name: PLACES.PAT
Record length: 237

NOTE:Items common to all point coverage's: AREA, PERIMETER, <coverage>#, and <coverage>-ID are not described here.

COLUMN	ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC
32	DIST	4	10	I	-
36	CO	5	5	C	-
41	NAME	46	46	C	-
87	NAMEUC	40	40	C	-
127	NAME_ALT	33	33	C	-
160	POP1990	9	9	C	-
169	POP2000	9	9	C	-
178	FIPS	4	10	I	-
182	COSEAT	8	8	C	-
190	ELEV	9	9	C	-
199	STATUS	8	8	C	-
207	INCDATE	10	10	C	-
217	STIP	5	5	C	-
222	SCENIC	8	8	C	-
232	STHWY	7	7	C	-
237	HWYMAP	9	9	C	-

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS:

DIST: Caltrans district number

CO: Caltrans county abbreviation

NAME: Name of the populated places (lowercase)

NAMEUC: Name of the populated places (uppercase)

NAME_ALT: Alternate name

POP1990:   The 1990 population figure, per the California Department of Finance
                 0 = uncoded, information not available

POP2000:   The 2000 estimated population figure, per the California Department of
                 Finance. 0 = uncoded, information not available

FIPS: Census code for Small Urban (SUFIP) and Urbanized Areas (URBCODE)

COSEAT: Indicates if populated place is a county seat
                 0 = Place is not a county seat
                 1 = Place is a county seat

ELEV: Elevation (feet)
           0 = uncoded, information not available

STATUS: Status of place location regarding city incorporation
           I = Incorporated city
           U = Unincorporated city
           D = Place within an incorporated city
           Blank = No Status, Place not listed in the Highway Systems Engineering
           Branch's "2003 Place Names in California" Publication

INCDATE: Date city was incorporated if applicable.

STIP: Places found on the California STIP maps
           (CURRENTLY THIS ITEM IS NOT CODED)

SCENIC: Places found on the California Scenic Highway and Trucknet maps
           0 = Places that are not found on the California Scenic Highway and
           Trucknet maps
           1 = Places that are found on the California Scenic Highway and
           Trucknet maps

STHWY: Places found on the California State Highway map Applications
           0 = Places that are not found on the California State Highway map
           Applications
           1 = Places that are found on the California State Highway map
           Applications

HWYMAP: Places found on the Official California State Highway map
           0 = Places that are not found on the Official California State Highway map
           1 = Places that are found on the Official California State Highway map

RELATIONAL DATA DESCRIPTION:

Currently there are no data relationships established.

DATABASE RELATION:

Currently there are no database relationships established.

DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT:

        Some of the data for the PLACES coverage was supplemented by information
from the publication 2003 Place Names in California, California Department of
Transportation, Drafting Services, HPMS Instructions for reviewing and updating data
items.

UPDATES:

December 2000
        Following items added:
                NAMEUC – Upper case place name
                NAME_ALT – Alternate name, i.e.
                        Ventura for San Buenaventura
                        Cucamonga for Rancho Cucamonga
                POP1990 – rename of POP item
                POP 2000 – new item contains 2000 population data from Dept of Finance

December 2003
        No new fields added. Some new places were added to the dataset per the
        publication 2003 Place Names in California, California Department of
        Transportation.

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